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SUBJECT: LUANDA FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL EMPLOYEES

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1. MARIA JULIA PARRA SILVA, LUANDA FSL, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM LUANDA FOR MEDICAL REASONS AND BROUGHT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO US.

2. ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW REQUIRING SPECIAL PERMIT CERTIFYING THAT ALL PERSONS LIVING IN LUANDA ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED BY EMPLOYER, WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED FIRM. HOUSEHOLD SERVANTS ARE SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT REGULATIONS.

3. FAILURE TO PRODUCE SPECIAL PERMIT UPON DEMAND MAKES PERSON LIABLE TO FORCED EMPLOYMENT BY ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. MRS. PARRA SILVA, WHO WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE SUCH PERMIT, SAID SHE WAS FORCED TO WORK IN ANGOLAN MINISTRY. ONLY BECAUSE SHE HAD MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FROM LISBON DOCTOR REQUESTING HER TO COME TO LISBON FOR MEDICAL EXAM WAS SHE ABLE TO OBTAIN LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

4. MEN UNABLE TO PRODUCE SPECIAL PERMIT ARE USUALLY SENT TO HARVEST SUGAR CANE. SUCH FORCED LABOR IS NOT REMUNERATED.

5. MRS. PARRA SILVA STATES THAT ALL LUANDA FSL'S ARE
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EXTREMELY WORRIED SINCE THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROCURE

REQUIRED SPECIAL PERMITS. THROUGH MRS. PARRA SILVA,
THEY REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM US.

6. WE BELIEVE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO FISH OR CUT BAIT
AS FAR AS LUANDA FSL'S ARE CONCERNED. AS ANGOLAN GOVERN-
MENT BEGINS TO ENFORCE THE PERMIT REQUIEREMENTS MORE AND
MORE STRICTLY, CHANCES ARE THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL,
LUANDA FSL'S WILL EVENTUALLY BE PRESSED INTO FORCED
LABOR. (SEE REFTEL FOR OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEM CONCERN-
ING FSL JULIO CORREA).

7. TO PROTECT FSL'S FROM FORCED LABOR, THEY MUST BE
ABLE TO SHOW THEY ARE "GAINFULLY EMPLOYED". IF
DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, IT MIGHT WISH TO
EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ASKING FRIENDLY COUNTRY HAVING
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN LUANDA (ITALY, BELGIUM,
SWEDEN, ETC.) TO PUT OUR FSL'S ON THEIR PAYROLL WITH
STIPULATION THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY SALARIES.

8. IN ADDITION, IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD OUR REMAINING
PROPERTY, SUCH AS OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS,
DEPARTMENT MIGHT ASK THIRD COUNTRY TO LEASE WAREHOUSING
SPACE IN ITS NAME BUT AT USG EXPENSE AND TO STORE ALL
USG PROPERTY IN SAID WAREHOUSE.

9. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS SITUATION FACING LUANDA FSL'S,
EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS URGENTLY.
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